

¶ Iniunctions geuen

by the Reuerende father in God

Richarde by Gods providence

Bishopp of Elye, aswell to the

Clergie as to the Church war-

dens and Inquirers of eue-

ry seueral parishe

within his

Dioces,

to be obserued and kept of euery of them in

their offices and callenges as to them

shall apperteyne, for the aduance-

ment of Gods honour, for the

increase of vertue, and for

good order to be conti-

nued within his

sayde Dio-

ces.

¶ For the Clergie.



In primis, you must tra-
uaille diligently & pain-
fully to set forth gods
true religion; and to
adourne the same with
example of godly lyfe,
being circumspect that
you offende no man ey-
ther by lyght behavi-
our or vnicomely appa-
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Item,

Item, you shall euery seconde Sunday & euery Holyday, openly in the Church heare and instruct all the chyldren and seruauntes of both sexes within your parishe, or at the least so many of them at once by course, as the tyme will serue, and as you may well heare and instructe, for halfe an houre at the least before euening prayer, in the ten commaundementes, the articles of the beliefe, and the Lordes prayer, and diligently examine and teache them in the Catechisme set forth in the booke of common prayer

Item, to thintent this thing may be more effectually executed, ye shall take the names of all the chyldren and seruauntes of both sexes in your parishe, that be of conuenient age and cannot say the Catechisme, and shall call by course certeyne of them by name, euery seconde Sunday and euery Holy day, to come to the Catechisme, whereby you may easly note & perceaue what parentes or maisters and damies be negligent in sendyng their chyldren and seruauntes to be instructed, and take occasion thereof both priuily and openly to exhort them to sende their youth as they are appoynted.

Item, you shall not admit to the receauyng of the holy communion, any of your parishe which be openly knowen to lyue in any notorious sinne without repentaunce, or any malicious person that is out of charitie, vnlesse the same do first charitablie and openly reconcile hym or her selfe agayne, to the satisfaction of the congregation.

Item,

Item, you shall not admit to the holy communion any of your parishes, men, or women, being aboue twentie yeres of age, that can not saye by heart the ten commaundementes, the articles of the fayth, and the Lordes prayer : nor any being aboue twelue yeres, and vnder twentie yeres of age, that can not say by heart the Catechisme that is set forth in the booke of comon prayer. And you shall be to examine your parishioners at conuenient times, to thintent you may know whether they can say the same whiche is aboue required.

Item, you shall reade openly in your Church in tyme of diuine seruice, twice every yere, vpon some of the Sundayes within one moneth next after the feastes of Easter and saint Michael the archangel, a declaration of certayne principall articles of Religion, set forth by both the Archbishops and the rest of the Bishops of this Realme for vnitie of doctrine.

Item, you shall preache or cause to be preached in the Churches where you are Parsons or Vicars, one sermon every quarter of the yere at the least.

Item, none of you shall serue two cures at one tyme, without speciall licence vnder your Ordinaries seale.

Item, no Curate shall serue any Cure within this Dioces, without speciall licence vnder your Ordinaries seale.

Item,

Item, that every Parson, vicar, and Curate, shall be in the tyme of the celebration of diuine service, to weare a surplesse, prescribed by the Queenes maiesties Iniunctions and the booke of Common prayer, and shall kepe and obserue all other rightes and orders prescribed in the same booke of Common prayer & Iniunctions, as well about the celebration of the sacramentes, as also in their comely and priestlyke apparell, to be worne accordyng to the precept set forth in the booke called Aduertisementes.

¶ For the Churchwardens and Inquirers.

IN primis, that all Churchwardens within the dioces of Elie, shal bpon their othes duely and truly certifie in the ende of euery quarter of the yere, from tyme to tyme, all such matters as hereafter ensue, to the Chauncelour or his deputie bpon some court day, and in the Consistorie the tyme of his sitting.

Item, whether the Queenes maiesties Injunctions be quarterly read by the Parson, vicar, or Curate.

Item, whether one sermon at the least be quarterly preached in your parishe Church, accordyng to the saide Iniunctions, and by whom the same sermon is preached.

Item, whether your Parson, vicar, or Curate, do reade once bpon some Sunday within one moneth

moneth next after Easter, and once upon some Sunday within one moneth next after Michaelmas yereley, a declaration of certayne principall articles of religion, set forth by the Archbishops and Bishoppes of this Realme for vnitie of doctrine.

Item, whether your Parson, vicar, or Curate do reade upon the Sundayes and holydayes the Homilies set forth by publique authoritie, where there is no sermon, and in suche sort as they are appoynted to reade the same in the booke of the Homilies.

Item, whether your Parson, vicar, or Curate, do teache the youth of your parishe upon euery holyday, and euery seconde Sunday in the yere, the Catechisme set forth in the booke of publique prayer.

Item, to certifie and present whether all fathers, mothers, maisters, and dames of your parishe, cause their chyldren and seruauntes both mankinde and womankinde, beyng of sixe yeres of age, and vnder twentie, whiche haue not learned the Catechisme, to come to the Church euery seconde Sunday, and euery holyday at the tyme appoynted, and obediently to heare and be ordered by your minister, vntill suche tyme as they haue learned the said Catechisme by heart, & what be the names of those that do not cause their chyldren and seruauntes so to come to the Church to be instructed and examined.

Item,

Item, to certifie and present, whether the lay people of your parish, especially householders having no lawfull excuse to be absent, do faithfully and diligently endeavour them selves to resort to their parish Church or Chappell on the holydayes, and chiefly on the Sundayes to morning and evening prayer, and upon reasonable let therof, to some vsuall place where Common prayer is bled, and then and there abide orderly and soberly during the time of Common prayer, Homilees, preaching, and other seruice of God there bled, and what be the names of those that negligently or wylfully absent them selves, or come very late to the Church upon the Sundayes and holydayes, and especially upon the Sundayes.

Item, to certifie and present the names of such of your parishioners as walke, talke, or otherwise irreuerently behaue them selves in the Church, or vse any gaminge abroad, or in any house, or sit in the streates or Churchyarde, or in any tauerne or alehouse upon the Sunday, or any other holyday, in the time of Common prayer, sermon, or reading of any of the Homilees.

Item, to certifie and present, whether the Churchwardens and sworn men haue leuied and gathered of euery that wylfully or negligently absenteth hym or her selfe from their parish Church, or irreuerently behaue him or her selfe in the Church, in the tyme of diuine seruice upon the Sundayes or other holydayes, the forfayture of. xii. d. for euerye suche offence,
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accordyng to a statute made in the first yere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne that now is, and haue put the same forsaytures to the vse of the pooze of that parishe, a what particuler summes of money are quarterly forsayted that way, and by whom and howe muche therof is leuied and deliuered to the collectours of the pooze : and if any such forsaytures be not leuied in case of such offence, by whose fault it happeneth that the same are not leuied, and what be the names of such as offende that way, and do not pay the said forsayture.

Item, to certifie and present whether there be any Inkepers, Alewyues, victuellers, or Cip- lers within your parishe, that admit or suffer any person or persons in their houses, to eate and drynke, to play at tables, cardes, or other games, in tyme of common prayer, preachyng, or reading of the Homilees on the sundayes or holy dayes, or any Butchers, or other, that vse to sell meate or other thynges vpon the sundayes or holydayes in lyke tyme of common prayer, pre- achyng, or readyng of the Homilees, and what be the names of the persons that so offende.

Item, to certifie and present whether you haue collectours for the pooze of your parishe, whe- ther they do their duetie in gatheryng weekly, and distributyng the almes of the pooze, accor- dyng to a statute made in the first yere of the Queenes maiesties raigne, and make a iust ac- compt therof quarterly.

Item,

Item, to certifie and present quarterly all such persons as be of habilitie, and do obstinately or frowardly refuse to geue reasonable towarde the reliefe of the pooze, or do wylfully discourage others from so charitable a deede, and what their names be.

Item, to certifie at the least quarterly all sweareers & blasphemers of Gods holy name, all drunkardes, adulterers, fornicatours, ribauldes, incestuous persons, baudes, or receauers of such incontinent persons, or of straunge women with chylde, whose husbantes are unknowen, or any persons that are behemently suspected of such faultes, or that be not of good name and fame touchyng such crymes and faultes, and all sowers of discordes betweene neyghbour and neyghbour, within your parishe.

Item, to certifie whether any Curate presume to serue in any parishe without licence from the Ordinarie in wrytyng and vnder seale, or serue two Cures without speciall licence therfore: and whether any licenced to serue any Cure, do not weare at the celebration of the diuine seruice and sacramentes a comely surplesse, & obserueth all other rightes & orders prescribed in the booke of Common prayer, and the Queenes maiesties Iniunctions, & in the booke of Aduertisemētes.

Item, to certifie whether the parishe haue a Bible of their owne, the booke of Common prayer, a Psalter, the two bookes of Homplees, the booke called the Paraphrases of Erasmus, or rather

ther the common places of Musculus, and other booke's requisite, as Injunction, the Declaration, and Aduertisementes.

Item, to certifie lyke wyse whether the quier be comely and orderly kept, whether they haue a sayze & comely table for the holy Communion, with a sayze linnen cloth to laye vpon the same, and some coueryng of silke, buckram, or suche lyke, for the cleane keepyng therof.

Item, whether the east wall of the quier be hanged with a sayze cloth, and the paper of the ten commaundementes fastened in the myddest therof.

Item, whether the table touchyng the degrees of matrimonie, last set forth by the Reuerende father in God Matthew Archbishop of Canturburie, be fastened in some conuenient place in the Churche.

Item, to certifie whether there be any within this Dioces that haue maryed within degrees of affinitie or consanguinitie, by the lawes of God forbidden, and set forth in a table for an admonition: Any man that hath two wyues, or any woman that hath two husbandes, any that beyng diuorced or seperated asyde, hath maryed agayne, any maryed that haue made precontractes, any that haue made priuie or secrete contractes, any that haue maryed without banes thise solemnely asked, any couples maryed that lyues not together, but slaunderouslye

lyne a part, any that haue marped out of the parishe where they ought to haue the same solemnized.

Item, to certifie whether your ministers kepe their Registers of maryages, buryalles, and christenyniges well and orderly, and to present the copie of them once a yere by indenture, to the Ordinarie or his officers.

Item, to certifie whether there be any in your parishe which minister the goodes of those that be dead without auctoritie, any executors that haue not fulfilled their testators wyl, specially in paying of legacies geuen to good & godly bles, as to reliefe of the pouertie, to poore schollers, orphans, hygh wayes, maryage of poore maydens, and such lyke.

Item, whether there be any persons that intrude them selues and presume to exercise any kynde of ministerie in the Church of God, without imposition of handes and ordinarie auctoritie: Or any being once priest or minister, that doth not minister, nor resort to the common prayer nowe bled, and at tymes appoynted communicate: and whether any such do go and ble hym selfe lyke a laye man.

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Churchwardens and others,
beside their vsual othe.


Ye shall diligently and indifferently marke all persons of your parische, which come into the Church after the begynnyng of the seruice, or depart out of the Church before all the seruice be fully ended, and tell them roundely of their faultes: in case any of them wyl not amende, ye shall sende worde from tyme to tyme to your Ordinarie.

Also ye shall demaunde and receaue of all persons being absent from all the Morning prayer, or all Euening prayer vpon the holy dayes. xii. d. to the vse of the poore, yf any person refuse payment, then distrayne tyll it be payde.

Ye shall alowe no excuse, vnlesse it be thought lawfull by two of you at the least.

R. E.

God saue the Queene.

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